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Summer has finally hit East Texas and we (along with the ice machines) are working doubletime. Jesus has laid a tremendous burden on our hearts concerning the *Walk America For Life* and the *Americans Against Abortion Concerts For Life*, and there's a ton of work to do. Please keep all of us in your prayers.

After much consideration, we'll no longer be offering books in our Ministry Materials Section. We're trying to take a few "irons out of the fire" and something needs to go. Of course, you can still obtain any of these books at your local bookstore. We will still send out any books ordered prior to this Newsletter.

I can't stress enough how much WE NEED YOU! Your words of encouragement (and correction) mean so much to us. We're here to serve and strengthen you in Jesus, and your letters let us know how we can best minister to your needs. We really do love to hear from you so please, keep the cards and letters coming!

In His love,

Melody Green



We'd like you to meet those who serve in the Artroom, Darkroom, and Typesetting Departments. Without these devoted ones, the Newsletter you now hold would be an impossibility—not to mention the tracts and other projects too numerous to list. Their creativity and perseverance never cease to amaze us, and as the ministry continues to expand, their workload only grows bigger. How about taping their photo on your refrigerator or mirror, and upholding them before the Lord? I know they'd love to have your prayer support.

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Are You Searching?

If you want to know more about what it means to be a Christian, we have some information we'd like to send you. There is no charge or obligation and we won't give your address to anyone else. Just write to Last Days Ministries and ask for the free packet, "Walking With Jesus."

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LETTERS



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Incest: The Family Secret

I was a victim of my Sunday School teacher from the ages of 12 to 17. For ten years I felt guilty because at 16 I started enjoying the abuse, and because I enjoyed it, I felt I had consented to it. I thought God had cleansed me from it all and it was over until I read the Newsletter. I was reading out loud as my husband and I were driving down the road, and by the time I got to "Where Was God?" I was crying so hard he had to pull over. I felt the Lord releasing me of the guilt I had carried around for so long. Thank you so much for the article.

—Sherri, Washington

I'm a 36-year-old woman who this day has seen my God's merciful love for me. I've been praying and trusting for a miracle of a new mind-set, one that would free me from my lesbianism. Through your article I've realized many prerequisites to a new mentality. I have so much peace and thankfulness right now that is so strong and reassuring. The frankness and honesty of your words have been used by our Father to free me to bury my past.

—K., Wyoming

I counsel women in our church and about 75% of them were sexually abused as children. This article is exactly what I spend hours telling them. I'm so glad to have it put down on paper for them now—I've wanted this for two years. Up to this point, the most helpful thing has been to loan these women my

tape "The Father Heart Of God" until it's been worn out! I've used your articles so much in counseling! Thanks again!

—Doris McReady, Eugene, OR

This morning as I carried in my mail and glanced at the Newsletter I started shaking. Your cover was "Incest: The Family Secret"—a painful secret in my own past. I wanted to read it but was afraid. I put it on the coffee table, but finally, an hour ago, I found the courage. It was like reading my own story. My abuse started when I was eight and ended when I was twelve. When I was a senior in high school I received Christ and slowly I began to feel cleansed from my past. I only wish I could have read an article like this when I was a child. It has always been my secret with God and now I have shared it with you. I do feel better. Thank you very much.

—Anonymous, Ohio

Thank you for the article on incest. I must tell you, it touched me considerably. I endured the mental anguish of incest when I was seven. The feelings and actions that the writer had were exactly what I felt and did. The mental games, the rebellion, everything. And at the time I felt I was the only one in the world who had to go through that. To know that someone felt the exact feelings I felt was comforting.

The second half was especially moving, because the writer covered the exact things I felt, years later. It was truly a blessing to have that article. I had my



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husband read it, so he too could understand how it was for me and know the struggles I faced. Thank you again.

—Beverly, California

Thank you, thank you, thank you! To the author of "Incest: The Family Secret" and to Last Days for printing it. Please glorify God with us for His work. We took in a child last August from the courts in Florida. As we love him he is beginning to feel it, and feel safe for the first time in his life. Last night I read part of your article to our natural son, 12, and "Jamie," 11. Jamie wanted to speak privately afterwards. For over an hour he wept, cried, agonized, and released his story. A story he has never shared with anyone—not the courts, not other foster parents, no one. His own horrible secret. His mother sexually abused him many times. She threatened him, she hurt him, she drowned his puppy in a crab cage because he fought her. Other people used him as well. His details were too vivid, too ugly, his pain too real to be his imagination.

As he emptied out he calmed down. He relaxed. I know more healings are to come. Thank you so much.

—Kathie, Virginia

A million and one thoughts fly through my mind as I try to express my thanks and gratitude for your bravery in sharing this painful experience. It was not in vain.

As I read, many things began to fall in place, and when I came to your section on signs of abuse I sat and read about

my young daughter. I had just spent five days of running back and forth to the doctors trying to get to the bottom of her stomach aches. They were recurring stomach problems with no physical reason. She had not eaten in four days and would only want to sleep. She no longer was interested in living.

When I finished your article, I laid it down and prayed that God would give me the courage and strength for the road that lay ahead. My little girl was curled up beside me as I was reading. I pulled her onto my lap and prayed with her. Her burdened soul unloaded four years of anguish...three days later I learned that my little toddler was a victim, also.

So where are we now? We immediately sought help. Turning my brother in to the authorities was the most painful but loving thing I could do. But right now I must put my girls first. We are enrolled in a clinic to help us piece back our lives and to be strengthened from this...there will be good from all this. I don't know about the future, but I do know who holds my hand.

—Name, state, and specifics withheld

I really praise God for your last Newsletter. It opened my eyes to something in my life. You see, until I read the articles I didn't realize that I had been a victim. It's hard to explain my blindness, but I guess I just didn't want to think about it, so I tried to block it out completely.

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NEW ORLEANS

TYRANNY - of the - URGENT

by Charles E. Hummel

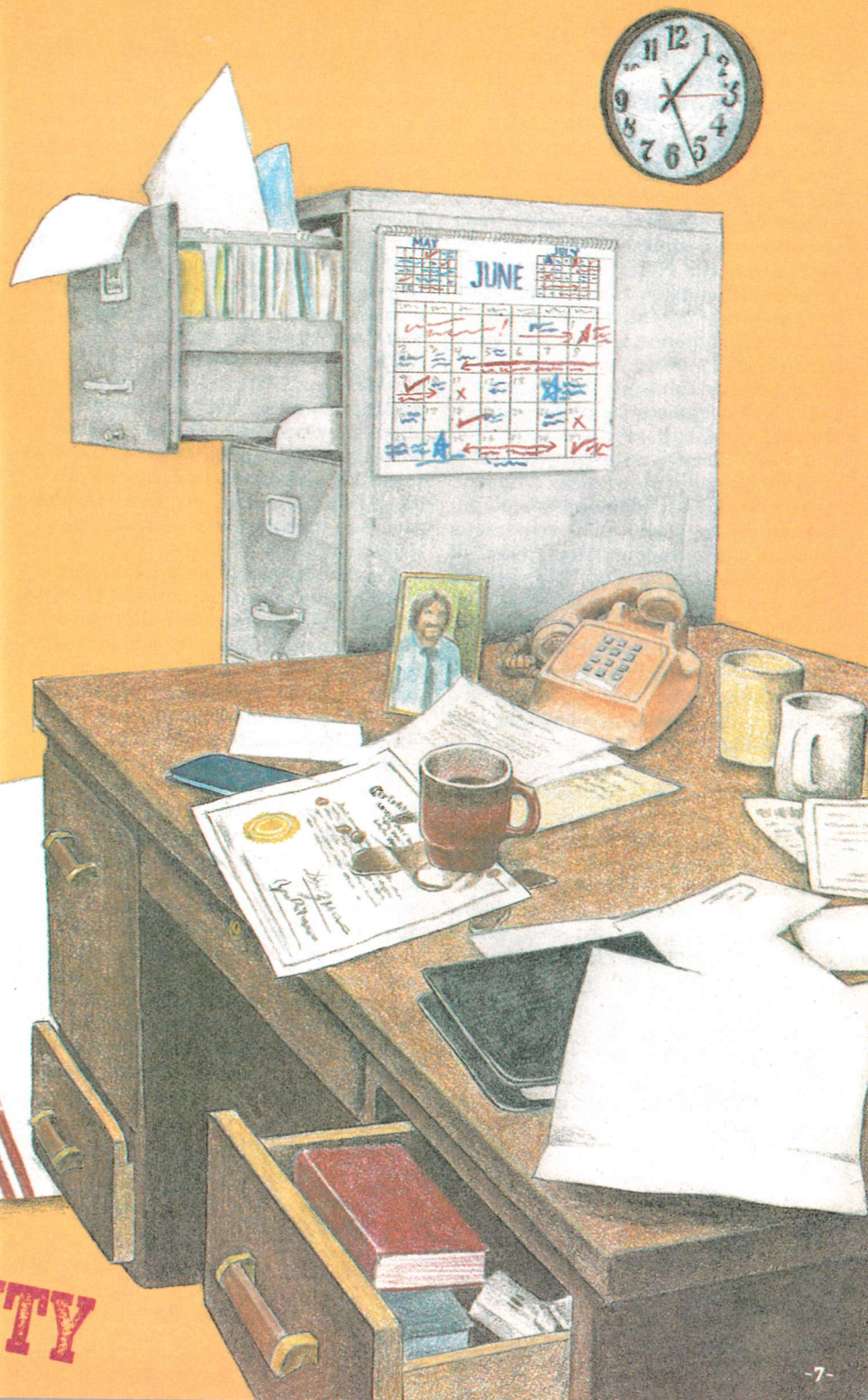
Have you ever wished for a thirty-hour day? Surely this extra time would relieve the tremendous pressure under which we live. Our lives leave a trail of unfinished tasks. Unanswered letters, unvisited friends, unwritten articles, and unread books haunt quiet moments when we stop to evaluate. We desperately need relief.

But would a thirty-hour day really solve the problem? Wouldn't we soon be just as frustrated as we are now with our twenty-four allotment? A mother's work is never finished, and neither is that of any student, teacher, minister, or anyone else we know. Nor will the passage of time help us catch up. Children grow in number and age to require more of our time. Greater experience in profession and church brings more exacting assignments. So we find ourselves working more and enjoying it less.

-Jumbled Priorities-

When we stop to evaluate, we realize that our dilemma goes deeper than shortage of time; it is basically the problem of priorities. Hard work does not hurt us.

We all know what it is to go full speed for long hours, totally involved in an important task. The resulting weariness is matched by a sense of achievement and joy. Not hard work, but doubt and misgiving produce anxiety as we review a month or year and become oppressed by the pile of unfinished tasks. We sense uneasily that we may have failed to do the important. The winds of other people's demands have driven us onto a reef of frustration. We confess, quite apart from our sins, "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."



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PRIORITY

Several years ago an experienced cottonmill manager said to me, "Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important." He didn't realize how hard his maxim hit. It often returns to haunt and rebuke me by raising the critical problem of priorities.

We live in constant tension between the urgent and the important. The problem is that the important task rarely must be done today, or even this week. Extra hours of prayer and bible study, a visit with that non-Christian friend, careful study of an important book: these projects can wait. But the urgent tasks call for instant action—endless demands, pressure every hour and day.

A man's home is no longer his castle; it is no longer a place away from the urgent tasks because the telephone breaches the walls with imperious demands. The momentary appeal of these tasks seems irresistible and important, and they devour our energy. But in the light of time's perspective their deceptive prominence fades; with a sense of loss we recall the important tasks pushed aside. We realize we've become slaves to the tyranny of the urgent.

—Can You Escape?—

Is there any escape from this pattern of living? The answer lies in the life of our Lord. On the night before He died, Jesus made an astonishing claim. In the great prayer of John 17 He said, "I have finished the work which Thou gave me to do." (v.4)

How could Jesus use the word "finished"? His three-year ministry seemed all too short. A prostitute at Simon's banquet had found forgiveness and a new life, but many others still walked the street without forgiveness and a new life. For every ten withered muscles that had flexed into health, a hundred remained impotent. Yet on that last night, with many useful tasks undone and urgent human needs unmet, the Lord had peace; He knew He had finished God's work.

The Gospel records show that Jesus worked hard. After describing a busy day Mark writes, "That evening, at sundown, they brought to Him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered about the door. And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons." (Mark 1:32-34)

On another occasion the demand of the ill and maimed caused Him to miss supper and to work so late that His disciples thought He was beside Himself. (Mark 3:21) One day after a strenuous teaching session, Jesus and His disciples went out in a boat. Even a storm didn't awaken Him. (Mark 4:37-38) What a picture of exhaustion.

Yet His life was never feverish; He had time for people. He could spend hours talking to one person, such as the Samaritan woman at the well. His life showed a wonderful balance, a sense of timing. When His brothers wanted Him to go to Judea, He replied, "My time has not yet come." (John 7:6) Jesus did not ruin His gifts by haste. In "The Discipline and Culture of the Spiritual Life," A. E. Whiteham observes: "Here in this Man is adequate purpose... inward rest that gives an air of leisure to His crowded life: above all there is in this

Man a secret and a power of dealing with the waste-products of life, the waste of pain, disappointment, enmity, death—turning to divine uses the abuses of man, transforming arid places of pain to fruitfulness, triumphing at last in death, and making a short life of thirty years or so, abruptly cut off, to be a 'finished' life. We cannot admire the poise and beauty of this human life, and then ignore the things that made it."

—Wait For Instructions—

What was the secret of Jesus' work? We find a clue following Mark's account of Jesus' busy day. Mark observes that "in the morning, a great while before day, He rose and went out to a lonely place, and there He prayed." (Mark 1:35) Here is the secret of Jesus' life and work for God: He prayerfully waited for His Father's instructions and for the strength to follow them. Jesus had no divinely-drawn blueprint; He discerned the Father's will day by day in a life of prayer. By this means He warded off the urgent and accomplished the important.

Lazarus' death illustrates this principle. What could have been more important than the urgent message from Mary and Martha, "Lord, he whom You love is ill"? (John 11:3) John records the Lord's response in these paradoxical words: "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that he was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was." (vv. 5-6) What was the urgent need? Obviously to prevent the death of this beloved brother. But the important thing from God's point of view was to raise Lazarus from the dead. So Lazarus was allowed to die. Later Jesus revived him as the sign of His magnifi-

cent claim, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live." (v.25)

We may wonder why our Lord's ministry was so short, why it could not have lasted another five or ten years, why so many wretched sufferers were left in their misery. Scripture gives no answer to these questions, and we leave them in the mystery of God's purposes. But we do know that Jesus' prayerful waiting for God's instructions freed Him from the tyranny of the urgent. It gave Him a sense of direction, set a steady pace, and enabled Him to do every task God assigned. And on the last night He could say, "I have finished the work which Thou gave me to do."

—Dependence Makes You Free...—

Freedom from the tyranny of the urgent is found in the example and promise of our Lord. At the end of a vigorous debate with the Pharisees in Jerusalem, Jesus said to those who believed in Him: "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free... Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin... So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-32,34,36)

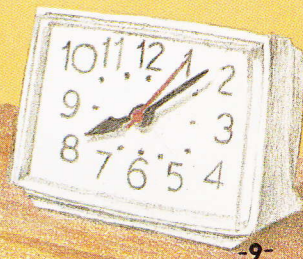
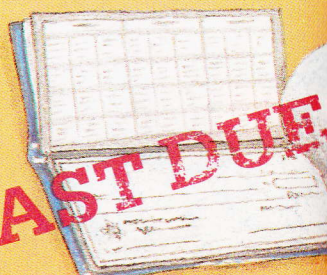
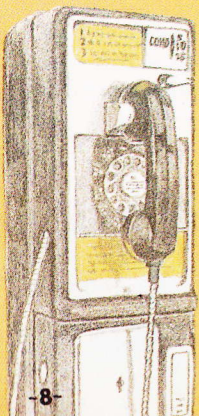
Many of us have experienced Christ's deliverance from the penalty of sin. Are we letting Him free us from the tyranny of the urgent? He points the way: "If you continue in My word." This is the way to freedom. Through prayerful meditation on God's Word we gain His perspective.

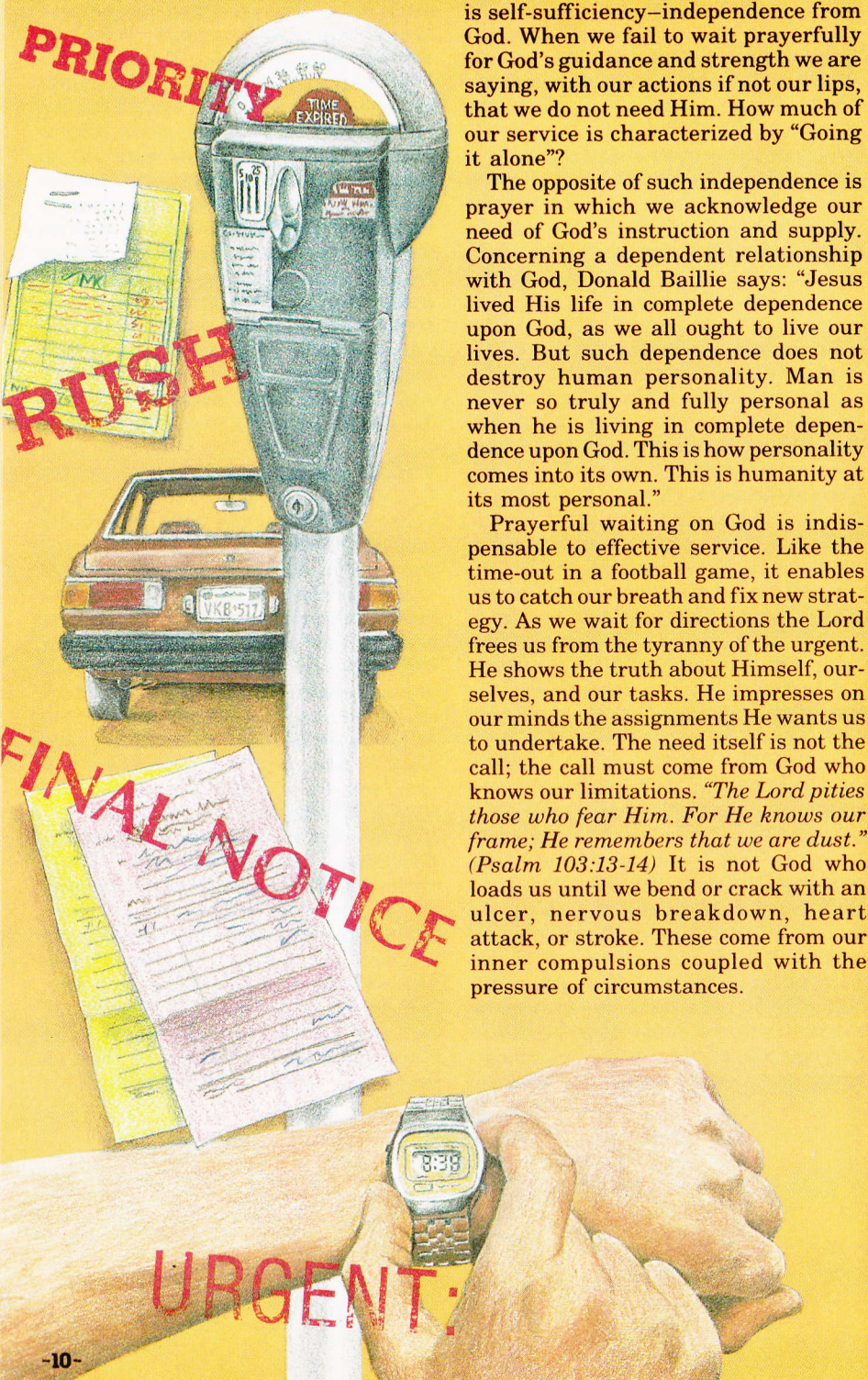
P. T. Forsyth once said, "The worst sin is prayerlessness." We usually think of murder, adultery, or theft as among the worst. But the root of all sin

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is self-sufficiency—independence from God. When we fail to wait prayerfully for God's guidance and strength we are saying, with our actions if not our lips, that we do not need Him. How much of our service is characterized by "Going it alone"?

The opposite of such independence is prayer in which we acknowledge our need of God's instruction and supply. Concerning a dependent relationship with God, Donald Baillie says: "Jesus lived His life in complete dependence upon God, as we all ought to live our lives. But such dependence does not destroy human personality. Man is never so truly and fully personal as when he is living in complete dependence upon God. This is how personality comes into its own. This is humanity at its most personal."

Prayerful waiting on God is indispensable to effective service. Like the time-out in a football game, it enables us to catch our breath and fix new strategy. As we wait for directions the Lord frees us from the tyranny of the urgent. He shows the truth about Himself, ourselves, and our tasks. He impresses on our minds the assignments He wants us to undertake. The need itself is not the call; the call must come from God who knows our limitations. *"The Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."* (Psalm 103:13-14) It is not God who loads us until we bend or crack with an ulcer, nervous breakdown, heart attack, or stroke. These come from our inner compulsions coupled with the pressure of circumstances.

—Evaluate—

The modern businessman recognizes this principle of taking time out for evaluation. When Greenwalt was president of DuPont, he said, "One minute spent in planning saves three or four minutes in execution." Many salesmen have revolutionized their business and multiplied their profits by setting aside Friday afternoon to plan carefully the major activities for the coming week. If an executive is too busy to stop and plan, he may find himself replaced by another man who takes time to plan. If the Christian is too busy to stop, take spiritual inventory, and receive his assignments from God, he becomes a slave to the tyranny of the urgent. He may work day and night to achieve much that seems significant to himself and others, but he will not finish the work God has for him to do.

A quiet time of meditation and prayer at the start of a day refocuses our relationship with God. Recommit yourself to His will as you think of the hours that follow. In these unhurried moments list in order of priority the tasks to be done, take into account commitments already made. A competent general always draws up his battle plan before he engages the enemy; he does not postpone basic decisions until the firing starts. But he is also prepared to change his plans if an emergency demands it. So try to implement the plans you have made before the day's battle against the clock begins. But be open to any emergency interruption or unexpected person who may call.

You may also find it necessary to resist the temptation to accept an engagement when the invitation first comes over the telephone. No matter how clear the calendar may look at the moment, ask for a day or two to pray for guidance before committing yourself. Surprisingly the engagement often appears less imperative after the pleading voice has become silent. If you can withstand the urgency of the initial moment, you will be in a better position to weigh the cost and discern whether the task is God's will for you.

In addition to your daily quiet time, set aside one hour a week for spiritual inventory. Write an evaluation of the past, record anything God may be teaching you, and plan objectives for the future. Also try to reserve most of one day each month for a similar inventory of longer range. Often you will fail. Ironically, the busier you get the more you need this time of inventory, but the less you seem to be able to take it. You become like the fanatic who, when unsure of his direction, doubles his speed. And frenetic service for God can become an escape from God. But when you prayerfully take inventory and plan your days, it provides fresh perspective on your work.

—Continue The Effort—

Over the years the greatest continuing struggle in the Christian life is the effort to make adequate time for daily waiting on God, weekly inventory, and monthly planning. Since this time for receiving marching orders is so important, Satan will do everything he can to squeeze it out. Yet we know from experience that only by this means can we escape the tyranny of the urgent. This is how Jesus succeeded. He did not finish all the urgent tasks in Palestine or all the things He would have liked to do. The only alternative to frustration is to be sure that we are doing what God wants. Nothing substitutes for knowing that this day, this hour, in this place we are doing the will of the Father. Then and only then can we think of all the other unfinished tasks with equanimity and leave them with God.



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One day when I was eight or nine years old, I found my oldest brother's pornographic magazines. I told my second brother about it, and he said that if I didn't do what he wanted, he'd tell my parents about me looking at the magazines. So he made me commit these immoral acts.

This went on for months before I finally refused to do what he wanted. He never told my parents, but somehow it got around school and I was instantly labeled as gay. This made life a living hell all the way 'til I was in high school.

I've been following the Lord now for four years, but I still had a problem with lust and pornography, and I just couldn't overcome it no matter how hard I prayed, fasted, and tried. When I read your articles I found that what had happened to me as a child was directly related to my struggle to overcome this sin. What you said was the answer to my problem and the beginning to my victory. My next step is to write to my brother and ask for his forgiveness.

I wish I could tell you how much God has used you to teach me and help me to a closer walk with Jesus. God has been so good to me. Thank you for your obedience, and may God continue to use you for his glory.

—Roger, South Carolina

The Music Ministry of Keith Green

Today Keith Green's tape "Jesus Commands Us To Go!" arrived. By the time the first song was ended, I was down on my knees asking Jesus to wash

away my sins. About an hour later my 12-year-old sister asked me if I could help her find Jesus, so we talked, prayed, sang, and called everyone we could think of to share our joy.

We'd love to have your packet "Walking With Jesus" to help us in our new lives. I know with Jesus helping I will be able to fill the empty spots in my life. I still have many questions, but I know in time they'll be answered. Wednesday morning I'm joining a local Bible study group. I can hardly wait to get started. Thank you and may God bless you.

—Betty Lynn Howell, Trumansburg, NY

I have to confess the first time I ordered something from you it was one of Keith's albums, and I was being very deceitful. I ordered the album with the intent of getting something free to see what all this Christian music was all about, even though I had money to pay for it. Well, I was so blessed by it that I turned my life over to the Lord. At a later concert I bought one and gave it to a friend to make up for it and to share Keith's musical messages. Thank you for making this available and may the Lord continue to bless and guide you all!

—R. K., Erie, PA

I ordered "The Prodigal Son" last summer, and I wanted to write then but didn't have a chance. Now while listening to the song "Open Your Eyes" I decided to drop you a line.

This particular song deeply touched me because I really didn't want to come to Africa. I was content to just write a

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The KEITH GREEN MEMORIAL CONCERT

With Melody Green



"I attended the Keith Green Memorial Concert in Indianapolis. The message that night, among others, included 'getting right with God.' When I came that evening I definitely wasn't right with Him. With the help of your message I am now at peace and a friend of Jesus. It has taken the devotion you said it would, but the results are irreplaceable! I've found direction, and I'm thankful that you're spreading the Word."

—Tim Parke, Urbana, IL

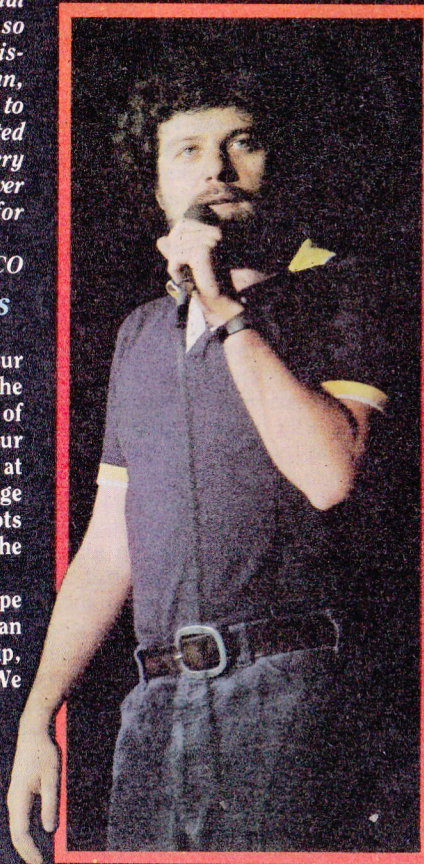
"We took our youth group to the Memorial Concert in Denver, and all our kids were so touched that they committed themselves to missionary work. Since then we have one in Japan, one already went to Guatemala, one is going to Bethany Fellowship, and just last week we started checking into Indian/prison outreach. We are very excited with what God is doing here. I've never seen such excitement to reach the world for Christ. Praise Him!"

—Steve Brooks, Lafayette, CO

Including family slides and movies

If you missed the Memorial Concert in your area, don't despair! Now you can catch the vision that's fired-up hundreds of thousands of people. This powerful tape includes the half-hour of music and ministry by Keith that was shown at each Memorial Concert, plus a moving message from Melody Green. This video also contains lots of personal slides and movies of Keith and the children and of Melody's trip to Asia.

The Keith Green Memorial Concert Video Tape is available to everyone, no matter what you can give in return. To order a copy for your fellowship, youth group, or your own home, see page 31. We also recommend that you order Keith's final article, "Why You Should Go To The Mission Field," for all the viewers—see page 33. The Memorial Concert can be obtained for broadcast use on ¾" format—write for more details. Also available at your local Christian bookstore!





MEXICO EASTER

OUTREACH

Report by Melody Green

This year I took my daughter Rebekah to the Mexico Easter Outreach. Rebekah will be four in July and her life is pleasantly cushioned by the Christian community we live in, her Christian preschool, and the children of other ministry families. I'm not complaining. It's a wonderful environment and God's will for the moment, but I want her to grow up understanding it's a big world and that everyone is not as blessed as we are. And maybe it's exactly *because* of our many blessings that I want to see the Lord build gratitude and vision into her life. I want my children to have a heart for the Lord and a heart for the world as well.

Our suitcases were almost packed when I asked Rebekah if she'd like to give some of her toys to the children in Mexico. She got very excited so I handed her a bag and she skipped off to her toy shelf. Into the bag went her new plastic cabbage patch miniature, a music box, several dolls, and other odds and ends. It warmed my heart to see her share so eagerly—yet I knew she really

had no idea how many children lack what she, and most of us for that matter, take for granted in our everyday lives.

We arrived at the border town of McAllen, Texas, around dinner time the Thursday before Easter and tried to get a good night's sleep, knowing the next day would be a big one—and it was.

By 9:00 a.m. we were in Reynosa, Mexico, at the Calvary Commission Training Center for a time of worship before the day's activities. Rather than renting a large arena for services, the Easter Outreach teams went out to the people in several different locations. We joined Joe and Charlotte Fauss, the directors of Calvary Commission, and by early afternoon we had driven to Los Cumbres, a small "colonia" (or colony) outside of Reynosa.

Attitude Of Gratitude

The people of these Mexican colonias are very poor. The ground is dry and dusty, the "houses" in many cases are only rickety structures of tin, cardboard,

and sticks, and the main diet consists of beans and rice. There's usually no running water, and the toilets are almost always "outback."

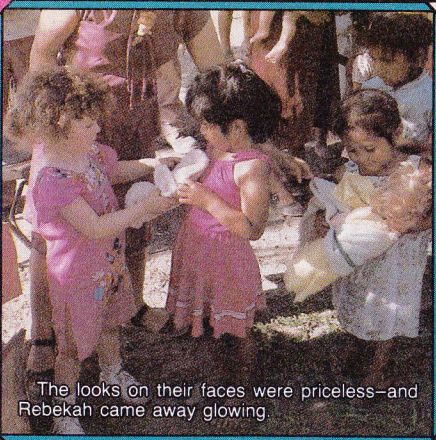
The exciting thing about this colonia in particular was that Calvary Commission was building a church there—and not just a building, but a church in the hearts of the people as well. The walls and ceilings were up but that was it. It was really just a shell with a dirt floor—but it was the nicest building in the whole colonia. Once the construction was started, the people were so thrilled they insisted on holding meetings with up to 250 people even before the roof was up!

Rebekah was eager to give out her toys, and since there were several children there that afternoon the time seemed right. As she opened the bag and started handing out her toys the children curiously gathered around. Their manners would have delighted any mother as they waited their turn. No

one grabbed or grumbled about what they received. It was such a blessing. The looks on their faces were priceless—and Rebekah came away glowing.

Later that night we returned to that same church for a service. Larry Savala, the leader of Calvary Commission's work in Belize, gave a powerful missions challenge, and I had an opportunity to give my testimony with the help of an interpreter.

The children were taken outside for a time of praise, and later beans and rice were given out to the adults. Everyone was grateful to receive the ministry as well as the food. It was wonderful and yet humbling to hand out the food as a "weekend missionary." Watching these precious souls wait in line for small bags of beans and rice and knowing it might be the only thing they'd eat that week pricked my heart and reminded me to cultivate the same gratitude and love I want to see developed in my children.



The looks on their faces were priceless—and Rebekah came away glowing.



Dedicated to the people of Mexico—(L to R) Larry Savala, John Ginty, Charlotte and Joe Fauss, and Luis de Anda.



Passing out beans and rice to the needy families.

The Power Of Prayer

The next day we visited an orphanage in the red-light district of Reynosa. Many of the children there had been dropped off by their parents who couldn't keep them because they were prostitutes, drug addicts, or just too poor. The orphanage was run by a dedicated Mexican couple who had worked with the Salvation Army for eight years. There were 39 children there that day, but they've had up to 69 at once—and they refuse to set a limit. They

want to take in every child that is brought to them. One baby was extremely malnourished and underdeveloped because her parents gave her glue to sniff as an infant to keep her from crying. Many of the children had their heads shaved due to lice. The building was an old converted bar. It was neatly organized but desperately in need of repairs.

As we started to walk in Rebekah noticed an odor that was different and refused to enter. I told her she could go in for a few minutes and if she still

didn't like the smell she could come back out. I didn't want to force her. We went in and after a few minutes she was crying, wanting to leave.

I walked outside with her and the Lord told me she needed to go back in. Rebekah said, "But you told me I didn't have to stay!" I said, "I know I did and I'm really sorry but I was wrong. Jesus wants you to go back in and He will help you. Many places in the world smell differently. It's not bad. It's just different. New. And you can't hold your nose again, it will make the children feel bad." We prayed, asking Jesus to help, and walked back in. I honestly didn't know what to expect. I wasn't going to discipline her if she couldn't do it, but putting a three-year-old in that position could be asking for big trouble. But the Lord was really good. She stood quietly for a few minutes and the next time I looked she was playing with the children. The subject never came up again and I knew she had a real victory in her little life.

A Service Under The Trees

Later that afternoon we took a loooong drive over a bumpy dirt road and through 10 gates to a little village called "Suffrosa," or "Sufferer." Guaranteed nobody just "happens by" this

place. These type villages, or "ejidos," are a government attempt to provide food for the country by cooperative farming. The workers get a portion for their long hours of labor. They had no electricity, no running water, and no schooling for the children.

There were 28 houses in this ejido and the Calvary Commission leaders received permission from the village elder to hold a service. The men stood under one tree and the women under another as they heard about the love of Jesus, and their wide Indian faces reflected real interest as they listened. Many came forward for prayer at the end and brought their sick children for prayer too. They were given Bibles, clothing, and food. And of course—toys for the children. The people of Suffrosa were so warm, friendly, and grateful that it was hard to leave. Calvary Commission will be sending workers back to continue ministry to these beautiful hidden people of Mexico.

Jesús Yo Te Amo

As we left the ejito I sipped a steaming hot coke and reflected on our short but full time in Mexico. I thought I had taken Rebekah—but she had taken me too. Her little sing-song voice sang a new song all the way back to the border. "Jesús yo Te amo, Jesús yo Te amo a Tí. Por que Tú me has salvado, Jesús yo Te amo a Tí... Jesus I love You, Jesus I love You. Because You have saved me, Jesus I love You."

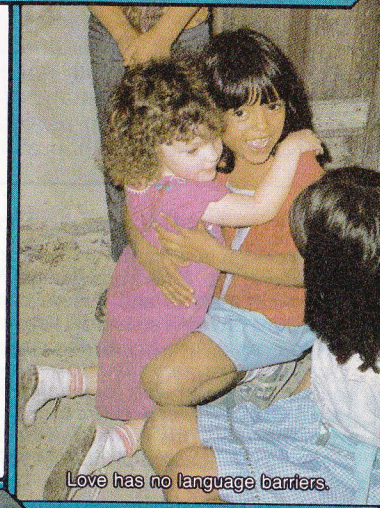
It was a real blessing to see the gifts so many of you have sent, given to the needy in the name of the Lord. The hearts of the people were touched by the little bit of love each gift represented. If you can ever attend a Mexico Outreach, or any other missions outreach for that matter, I encourage you to do so. And if you possibly can, take your children along with you. I assure you, you will never be the same. ☒

If you would like to help out with the Mexico Outreach, send packages of non-perishable food and clothing to: Calvary Commission, The Mexico Outreach, 401 S. Bridge Street, Hidalgo, TX 78557.

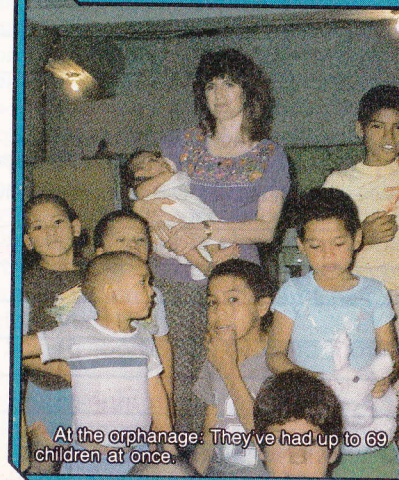
Send all other correspondence and checks to: Last Days Ministries, Box 40, Lindale, TX 75771-0040. Please make checks payable to Last Days Missions Outreach, and designate them for Mexico.



Jesús yo te amo a ti. (Jesus I love you.)



Love has no language barriers.



At the orphanage: They've had up to 69 children at once.

LAST DAYS MINISTRIES IS DOING WHAT?

If you would have told us a year ago that we'd be doing pro-life T-shirts, we probably would have laughed. It would have been a remote possibility at best. But we've felt an increasing burden to expose the reality of abortion and, after much prayer, we believe the Lord has shown us that T-shirts can be a powerful tool in bringing the tragedy of the unborn to greater public awareness.

So, in response to the leading of the Lord, we are introducing our brand-new pro-life shirts. We've carefully gone over the design, color, and message of each one, and put together an assortment that is powerful and thought provoking.

In fact, these shirts should prove to be effective conversation starters, so be prepared to share your heart once you decide to wear one. These shirts, like everything else we have, are available to anyone at whatever they can afford.

Our greatest desire is to serve the Lord and share His heart with others. We pray these shirts will help to open the door for many discussions. Arm yourself with the kindness and truth of the Lord, step out in boldness, and let us know what happens. May the Lord bless your efforts as you speak up on behalf of the innocent!

Your brothers and sisters
at Last Days Ministries

Americans Against Abortion Pro-Life Shirts

Each design is screened on the front of high quality heavy-duty 50% cotton T-shirts and jerseys, and the "Americans Against Abortion" logo is also screened on the sleeve of each shirt. Adult T-shirts and jerseys come in sizes small, medium, large, and extra-large (S,M,L,XL). Children's sizes as listed. Please be sure to specify style, size, and quantity.

If you can afford to pay the suggested price, we ask that you would please do so. However, we're committed to getting the word out—so if you can't afford even one shirt, you can have your shirt for whatever you can afford—even if it's nothing! **All profits will go to ministry and pro-life work.** All gifts received by Americans Against Abortion are tax-deductible. This coupon must be filled out by the person who the shirts are for, unless the suggested prices are followed.

Name _____
Address _____
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Americans Against Abortion, Box 70
Lindale, TX 75771-0070

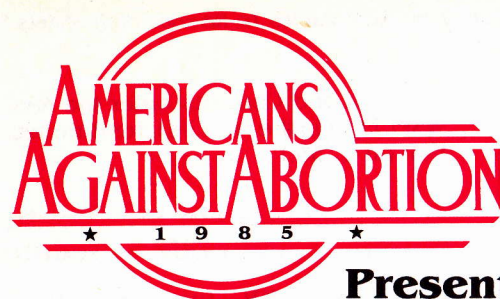
Please allow 6 weeks for delivery.

Suggested Prices:

T-shirts—\$10
Baseball Jerseys—\$12
Children's Shirts sizes
2/4, 6/8, and 14/16—\$7
Children's Shirt size
12 mo.—\$6
(Prices include shipping
in the U.S.)

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You may photocopy this coupon or write up your own using all the information listed.



Presents

WALK AMERICA FOR LIFE

At the time this Newsletter went to press, we were still working feverishly towards the June 9th "Americans Against Abortion Los Angeles Rally." By the time you read this, that Rally will be history. But the vision has only begun...

We said in the last Newsletter that we'd give you more details on the "Americans Against Abortion Rallies" and the "Walk America For Life," but we never expected there'd be so much to share so soon! This whole project has really mushroomed, and we've never been so busy in our lives. In fact, please keep us in your prayers as we are stretched "to the max!"

Before we get into the details, we'd like to give you a bit of background.

Back in early 1984, a few of us had a vision for a large pro-life gathering on the West Coast, and waited for the right timing. Once the date became clear we picked a name, "Americans Against Abortion Los Angeles Rally." We chose the name simply for the L.A. Rally, but as things progressed the Lord made it clear that Americans Against Abortion was to be a new division of Last Days Ministries—and that He had much more in mind than just one rally in just one city!

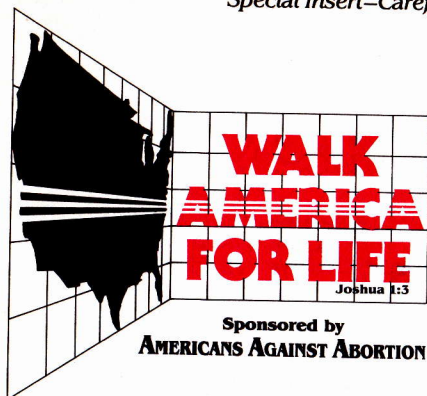
The Plot Thickens

Only a couple of months before the scheduled L.A. Rally we were introduced to Pastors Norman Stone and Jerry Horn, two committed brothers with an incredible burden from the Lord—to walk coast to coast, bringing attention to the plight of the unborn. (Norman will be walking the entire 3200-mile journey, and Jerry will drive the support vehicle.) As we prayed together and they shared their vision for "Walk America For Life" (WAF), it was clear that the Lord was calling us to sponsor the Walk, as well as pro-life Concerts/Rallies across the country. And a national petition drive calling for an end to abortion on demand. It's all a major undertaking for us—we didn't expect it, but we're filled with excitement as it's starting to unfold.

In all these efforts, we want to keep a firm focus on the goals God has set before us:

- 1) Seeing abortion on demand come to an end;
- 2) Seeing right attitudes restored on the value of human life;
- 3) Lifting up the Name of the Lord Jesus as the Author of Life.

"Special Insert—Carefully Bend Back Staples To Remove Both Sheets."



Concerts And Rallies For Life

The Concerts For Life will coincide with the arrival of Norman Stone, Jerry Horn, and the WAFL team into each city, and you'll also have a chance to walk along with them as they pass through your area. Norman and I will speak at each Concert, and Bob Ayala and I will minister in music. We'll also be providing an opportunity for national and local pro-life groups to participate.

There's a lot to be done, so if you can help with these Concerts **contact us immediately at (214) 963-8671**. If your pro-life group would like to sponsor a booth, you can also call us at that number.

We're setting up speaking engagements for Norman and Jerry in towns and cities all along the Walk route. You can call us to find out if they'll be coming near your town, and to have them share at your church, school, or pro-life group.

For those of you who live too far from the national Concerts, we encourage you to get together with others in your community and sponsor your own rallies and walks, calling them "Walk (name of your town) For Life." With hundreds of grassroots gatherings all across the nation, we'll demonstrate the reality of the vast numbers who oppose abortion. (For more information about

the Walk and Concerts order the AAA/WAFL Flyer in the Pro-Life Literature section on p. 33.)

Walk America For Life Route & Concerts For Life Schedule

Las Vegas, NV—June 29, 1985—Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall at The University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Denver, CO—August 24, 1985—The Denver Auditorium Arena

Kansas City, MO—October 4, 1985—Municipal Auditorium

St. Louis, MO—October 26, 1985—Kiel Convention Hall

Chicago, IL—November 24, 1985—The University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion

Indianapolis, IN—December 14, 1985 (tentative)

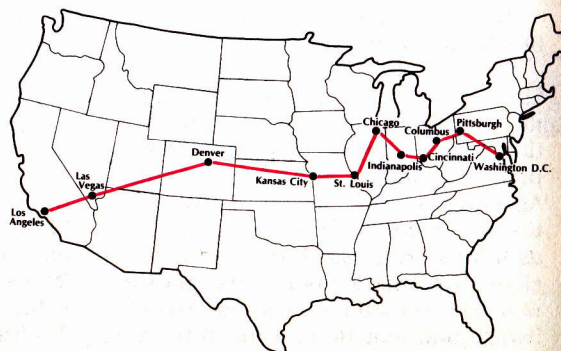
Cincinnati, OH—December 28, 1985—Cincinnati Music Hall (doors open at 6:00, concert begins at 7:00)

Columbus, OH—January 4, 1986—Ohio Center in Battelle Hall

Pittsburgh, PA—January 20, 1986 (tentative)

Washington, D.C. (Outdoor Rally)—(tentative)

All Concerts are free and start at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to come to the one nearest you, and bring as many people as you can! We'll be giving more details on the Concerts as the time draws closer.





Americans Against Abortion A Petition For Life

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..." — *The Declaration of Independence*

We the undersigned request the President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court of the United States of America to take any and all action necessary to abolish legalized abortion on demand in this country. We believe abortion to be the taking of an innocent human life and therefore a violation of the constitution of this nation.

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On July 28th, 1982, Keith Green was in a small plane crash along with two of his children, Josiah David (almost 4) and Bethany Crane (7 1/2). They along with several others all went home to be with Jesus. At the time of the crash, Melody was awaiting their

Keith Goes Home

As the Lord began to open the doors for expanded ministry, we were able to relocate to the quiet countryside of East Texas. The added "breathing room" has been more than welcome, since our staff has grown to almost 150! Our offices, printing and artroom facilities, cafeteria/worship center, and almost all of our housing are right here in our own backyard—and we are extremely grateful to be a part of something that we can give our whole heart to.

Last Days Ministries really began as a natural outpouring of the new life that Keith and Melody Green had found in Christ. They never really set out to try to start a ministry—it simply resulted when they sought God about how they could personally meet the needs that they saw around them. After yielding their lives fully to God in the spring of 1975, Keith and Melody felt compelled to do anything they could to reach others with the Gospel, and help them grow in the knowledge and love of God. They began to open their home to people in need, and as time went on, more and more people became involved. As they grew in maturity, so did the scope of the ministry. So, what actually started out as a small house ministry in the suburbs of the San Fernando Valley in California, gradually developed into what is known today as Last Days Ministries.

Last Days Ministries is a body of believers who are committed to the Lord Jesus, to one another, and to reaching the world for the Kingdom of God. We desire more than anything else to serve Jesus with all our hearts, and to be obedient to His leading—first as individuals, and then together as a ministry. We try to use the most effective means available to accomplish His purposes in the Church, the world, and in our own individual lives.

"What Is Last Days Ministries?"

**LAST DAYS
MINISTRIES**
BOX 40, LINDALE, TX 75771-0040

Album Ministry

Keith's message in music made a powerful impact on many lives—and continues to do so, even though Keith is no longer with us. We've never wanted anyone to be excluded from receiving ministry simply due to a lack of funds. Keith sought the Lord on this and felt that he should offer his albums to anyone for "whatever they could afford" rather than setting a firm price. So we started our own record company called Pretty Good Records, and Keith's third album, "So You Wanna Go Back To Egypt," was offered to anyone who wanted it, directly from us at whatever they could afford. Although many told us how risky this would be (and to be honest, we were kind of scared), the Lord has blessed our obedience.

Since that first "step of faith" in 1980, Pretty Good Records has also released three more of Keith's albums, "Songs For The Shepherd," "The Prodigal Son," and "Jesus Commands Us To Go!" They are all available directly from us or in your local Christian bookstore. All in all, these four albums, combined with Keith's previous ones on Sparrow Records, add up to over 1½ million albums and tapes in circulation. And we are blessed to report that we have been able to send out over 200,000 records and tapes for little or even no charge!

Intensive Christian Training School

In January of 1982, we began the first session of our Intensive Christian Training School (ICT). The ten-week course is designed for anyone with a sincere commitment to Jesus, and a desire to be pleasing and useful to Him. Whether someone feels called to join our staff at Last Days, to full-time ministry elsewhere, or is just seeking to build a stronger foundation in Christ, ICT will help them be better equipped to serve the Lord, wherever He may lead. Knowledge all by itself doesn't do anyone any good, so we aren't out to just fill up a student's head—we want to set his heart on fire! Our goal is to help people live what they learn, and really **put the Gospel to practice in their everyday life.**

As the Lord continues to expand our vision and place new goals for ministry in front of us, the need for dedicated workers grows as well. You'd be surprised at how many "simple and ordinary" people are needed to do "simple and ordinary" jobs, in order for all things to work together. From construction to printing, kitchen crew to computer programmer, secretary to someone who "just loves to clean"—there is much to do for the Kingdom of God. If you feel the Lord calling you to be a part of something like this, write and let us know. Future staff members first need to complete the ICT course, so we'd be happy to send you more information.

We also run a two-week High School Summer Camp, which is patterned in many ways after ICT. You may request information on this as well.

Audio And Video Teaching Tapes

The Lord has opened the door for us to be able to distribute teachings by people not only from Last Days Ministries, but by men and women of God representing different ministries, internationally. There has been a tremendous amount of fruit born from these powerful messages. We receive letters continually from those who have been touched in a deep way.

All of our audio and video tapes are available for whatever you can afford, and many of these tapes are also available from your local bookstore. We hope you will take advantage of these wonderful ministry tools. There are now 40 messages available, and new ones are being added regularly. All of these teachings have in one way or another touched our lives, and that's why we want to share them with you.

The Call To Reach The World

Shortly before Keith went home, the Lord placed a new and powerful message on his heart—God's call for Christians to reach all the world with the Gospel of Jesus. After he went to be with Jesus, we sponsored over 100 Memorial Concerts across the United States and Canada, as well as the Philippines and Singapore, bringing the message of world missions to hundreds of thousands of people. We have a commitment to the Lord to keep the needs of the world in sharp focus—and not forget those who are not only suffering in the flesh, but suffering in spirit as well.

Keith's very last article, completed only a few days before the plane crash, is called "Why YOU Should Go To The Mission Field." We heartily suggest that all Christians everywhere read it, and prayerfully consider what part they might have in God's great commission.

In Closing

Well, this has really been just a small glimpse at Last Days Ministries. We wish you could see all the letters of gratitude to the Lord for a changed heart, hear the reports of a mother who didn't go through with an abortion, rejoice with us over a divorce that was canceled, or share in the joy of finding out that another lost sheep has returned to its loving Shepherd. That's what makes it all worth it—that, and the ever present and all fulfilling love of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ. Please pray with us that **we will honor Jesus in all we do.**

With the affections of Christ Jesus,
The Staff at Last Days Ministries

For information on ICT, the High School Summer Camp, or listings of available tracts, albums, and teaching tapes, write to **Last Days Ministries, Box 40, Lindale, TX 75771-0040.** Please specify what you would like us to send you.

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The plight of the unborn in America is a national tragedy. Please help bring this injustice to an end by gathering as many signatures as possible. We encourage you to photocopy this petition *before* it is signed, put it on a clipboard, and collect signatures at schools, shopping malls, churches, bookstores, businesses, concerts, door to door, or have it printed in your local newspaper. Be creative! Each person signing must be a U.S. citizen, but there are no age restrictions.

Please mail each sheet as it is completed so we can count the signatures as we go and avoid a last-minute rush. The final date for mailing is **January 1, 1986**. Mail to: **Americans Against Abortion, Box 70, Lindale, TX 75771. (214/963-8676)**

Melody Green, Director of Americans Against Abortion, will present these petitions to President Reagan on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 1986. Americans Against Abortion will be sponsoring a large pro-life gathering in Washington, D.C., that day in honor of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which declared all persons held as slaves "forever free." These signatures will bring national focus to these innocent children who have been denied the freedom to live.

All gifts to Americans Against Abortion are tax deductible. For more information on the February 12, 1986 Rally, write to the address above.

fourth child, and their daughter Rebekah Joy had just celebrated her first birthday. Rachel Hope was born on March 22nd, 1983. Their foster daughter Dawn is on staff with the ministry.

Our brother Keith was only 28 years old when he entered eternity. Although his time with us was short, his zeal and boldness have left a lasting impression on the Christians of this generation. Melody is continuing on in the ministry, desiring to fulfill the vision that God gave to her and Keith. Although we miss our brother beyond words, Melody and the rest of us have been encouraged by the renewed and strengthened vision that the Lord has given us for pressing forward in the work.

There are several different avenues of ministry that the Lord has given us the privilege to take part in, and we would like to take a few minutes to give you a small glance at each of them.

The Last Days Newsletter

The word "newsletter" might be just a bit misleading, since our Newsletter is really a small, colorful magazine. It is published every six to eight weeks, and it's filled with articles and messages to encourage and challenge every reader to draw closer to Jesus. Subscriptions are free of charge, but need to be renewed once a year. Some of our most frequent contributors include men and women of God such as Leonard Ravenhill, Winkie Pratney, David Wilkerson, and Melody Green. And of course, we still continue to publish messages and teachings by Keith from time to time.

Back in 1978, when the Newsletter was first published, it was just eight pages long, hand folded and hand mailed to about 6,000 people. Now it's over 40 pages long, full of original, colorful artwork, and reaches more than 350,000 people worldwide—and a subscription to The Last Days Newsletter still costs the same as when we started . . . **nothing!**

Tracts, Tracts, And More Tracts!

Once our little Newsletter started getting around, more and more people began requesting back-issues so that they could read the previous articles, or pass them on to their friends. We soon realized that we would quickly run out of these past issues, and so we started reprinting the main articles in pamphlet form. As with the Newsletter, we have always made every effort to make our literature attractive, colorful, and easy to read. Each tract is carefully and lovingly designed. But even more importantly, we are blessed that the Lord has been able to use these tools to help thousands to draw closer to Him.

The demand was so much greater than we ever expected! Little did we know when we sent out our first tracts in the spring of 1979, that we would have printed over 30 million by September of 1984! Currently we distribute about 200,000 a week, and they are available in Christian bookstores all across the country. Some of the tracts are already printed in Spanish, and we are currently working on translations into many different languages so that they can be distributed outside of America. Our goal is to reach the world with the love of Jesus!

Americans Against Abortion Washington D.C. Rally

If we want to see the slaughter stopped, we must take drastic action! We can't just think "someone else will do it"! It's **vital** that literally tens of thousands of people make it a top priority to attend the Washington D.C. Rally on February 12, 1986, to ask the President, Congress, and Supreme Court to give immediate attention to the outrage of abortion. With this much advance notice, almost everyone should be able to get time off from work. Plan now to coordinate busloads from your church or community. We'll print more information on this Rally in upcoming Newsletters.

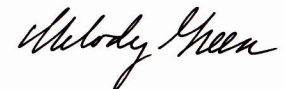
Please Pray, Pray, Pray!

Without the Spirit of God, our work is in vain. (*Psalms 127:1*) Please pray for the Lord's anointing over all these events,

and for the people involved. We're stepping on the enemy's toes and he's not going to be too happy about it. Also keep the wives and children of Pastors Stone and Horn in your prayers. The time away is a big sacrifice for all of them, and they're doing it in obedience to the Lord.

We love you so much and appreciate your loving encouragement and support—and if we ever needed it, we need it now. God clearly showed us at the beginning of 1985 that this would be a year of expansion, but we had no idea just how much He meant. We're all so excited we can hardly stand it! We'll keep you updated as the Walk and Concerts progress. We love you!

Yours for Life,



A Petition For Life!

Along with this insert you'll find a petition urging the President, Congress, and Supreme Court to take all necessary action to halt abortion on demand. *Please join us in the massive effort to collect as many signatures as possible.* We'll present them to President Reagan on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1986, at the final Washington D.C. Rally. We chose Lincoln's birthday for this final Rally in honor of his "Emancipation Proclamation," which declared all persons held as slaves "forever free." Help us restore the freedom of life to America's children.

You may photocopy the petitions before they're signed, or write to us for additional copies (see coupon on page 33). Take them to churches, pro-life gatherings, schools, businesses, shopping malls, bookstores, door to door, concerts, have it printed in newspapers, etc. Each person signing must be a U.S. citizen, but there's no age restriction. If each of you would gather only 100 signatures, we'd have over 35 million just for starters!

When gathering signatures, we suggest you give copies of "Children—Things We Throw Away?" to those who don't want to sign the petition. Kindly ask them to read the information and reconsider their position.

Please mail each sheet to us **when it's completed** so we can count the signatures as we go and avoid a last-minute rush. **The final date for mailing is January 1, 1986.**

Get Your Action Kit!

To help you get started being a "doer" and not just a "hearer," we've put together an **Action Kit**. The kit has everything you need to make a presentation and get others involved. Each kit contains:

- 1 Action Sheet (explaining what you can do)
- 1 Map with WAFL Route and Concert/Rally dates
- 1 pad of 100 Petition sheets
- 10 AAA/WAFL Flyers
- 10 "Children—Things We Throw Away?" tracts
- 5 Special Edition Newsletters On Abortion
- 1 pad of 50 WAFL Sponsor Sheets
- 10 Prayer Sheets
- 10 AAA T-Shirt Order Forms

The suggested price of \$12⁰⁰ covers the cost of all these materials plus postage to you. See coupon on page 33 to order.

Baby Choice

Baby Choice was once a lively, preborn little girl. Tragically, her life was cut short by a saline abortion when she was 18 to 20 weeks old. From her saddened face to her tiny fingernails, she is perfectly formed... yet her fragile skin has been cruelly burned. Though she can no longer speak for herself, her presence will speak for the millions of children just like her who die each year.

Many people may be offended by her—but so is God. He is infinitely offended and brokenhearted that even one of His precious children has been treated this way. **Baby Choice is a vivid reminder to the world that the victims of abortion are real.** They are not just blobs of tissue.

Whenever there's a disaster or a war, the news cameras are quick to show us the human tragedy, and our hearts respond. When the death camps in Nazi Germany were liberated, the media went in to document what they knew no one would believe without seeing it.

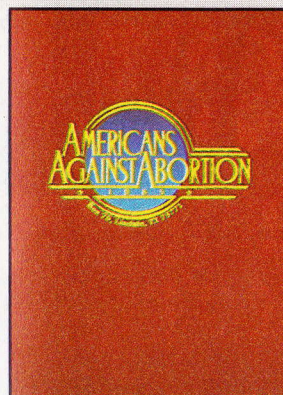
But only a few are able to record the tragedy of abortion.

It's hard for the people of America to see the actual results of abortion, because the clinics perform their deeds behind closed doors, and the bodies of the children are dropped down garbage disposals, trashed, or incinerated, continuing the lie that there are no victims. It's time for the public to see what is really going on. Baby Choice is not an attempt to be sensational. She is the sad evidence that demands a verdict.

For too long the abortion controversy has been shrouded by pleasant euphemisms. The next time you hear the phrase "pro-choice," you'll understand what Choice they are talking about.

Baby Choice will accompany the Walk For Life team across the United States, and will be present at each Americans Against Abortion Concert For Life. We are all terribly grieved that she will be traveling in that way, instead of being rocked to sleep in loving arms. May her agony stir us all to relentless action.

Any checks for the Concerts, Rallies, or Walk For Life should be sent to:
Americans Against Abortion, Box 70, Lindale, TX 75771-0070.

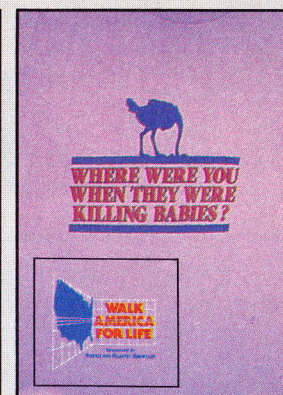


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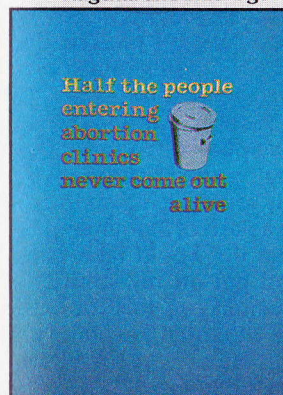
J1—White Baseball Jersey,
Royal Blue Sleeves,
Magenta and blue logo



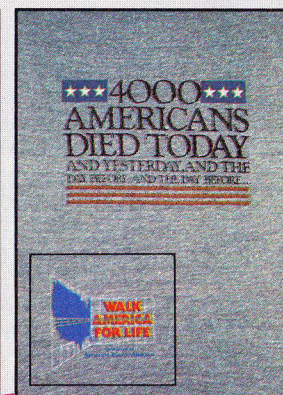
T2—Royal Blue T-shirt
(And You'd Kill Less People Than
Abortion Does In One Year
50-60 Million Babies Worldwide)



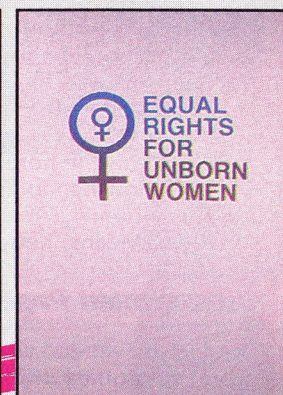
T3—Lavender T-shirt
WT3—Lavender T-shirt with
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logo on back



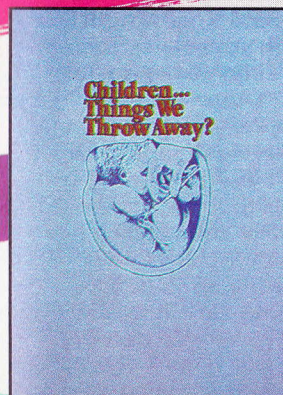
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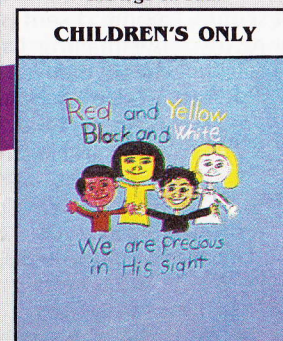
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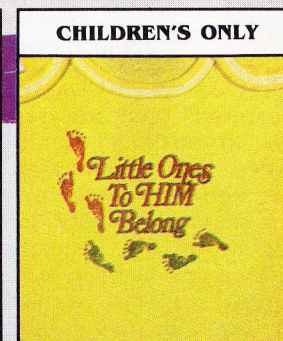
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check each month. But my husband felt differently, and when God called us to come here, well, I couldn't refuse. So we came and we've gone through the fire, but none of it has had much meaning for me. I've been so caught up in the "sacrifices" I've had to make, that I can't see past me. So recently God has begun to really deal with me, and today listening to this song I realized "... Jesus said, 'When you love someone in My name, you're loving Me.'" This is really what it's all about. This one song has "opened my eyes" and given meaning to my life here. So I say thank you for following God's plan in producing this album.

—Marlene Means, Kenya, Africa

The Printed Page

For a long time I've read your Newsletters from missionary friends, and I've found a lot of pleasure in reading them. It is through reading these booklets that I've devoted my whole life to Christian living. I would therefore be pleased to receive the latest Newsletters from your ministry.

—Michael K. Lulu, Zambia, Central Africa

I received my Last Days "subscription expired" postcard asking me to renew. Do you think I should? The articles keep shaking a sleeping Christian awake. Keith's message on missions has me wondering what God wants me to do with my life, instead of what I want. Your graphics and presentations of spiritual subjects are shattering the cliché that "Christian stuff is out of it

and boring." The music you send out starts me crying. I mean, shoot, if this keeps up I might actually become a doer of the Word and not just a hearer! Yes please continue my subscription for one more year.

—Barry O'Brien, Hermosa Beach, CA

I was using your Charles Finney tract, "Breaking Up The Fallow Ground," as a devotional aid the other day. I was reading along, thinking to myself, "Boy, my husband needs to read this!" Then I came to the part about the sin of vanity, which exposes the person who spends more time preparing their appearance and physical body for church than their heart. OUCH! In a flash of illumination, God revealed that if I would take this tract to heart and get off my spiritual high-horse, He would use this tool to bring about the personal revival I'd been praying for. Bless you for your ministry—it's working here!

—Straightened Out, VA

I received my "first ever" copy of The Last Days Newsletter, and after I read it, I tore it to pieces! That's right! To pieces! I sent in a request for one album. I sent in a request to be put on the mailing list. I tore out "Are You Afraid Of What People Think?" and used it as a Bible study in our Family Training Hour! I used David Wilkerson's article on faith for reference material. I rejoiced at the clear-minded tract on abortion by Melody Green! I've not enjoyed "tearing up" a publication any more than yours in a long time!

—Pastor Edgar Foster, Centerville, IA



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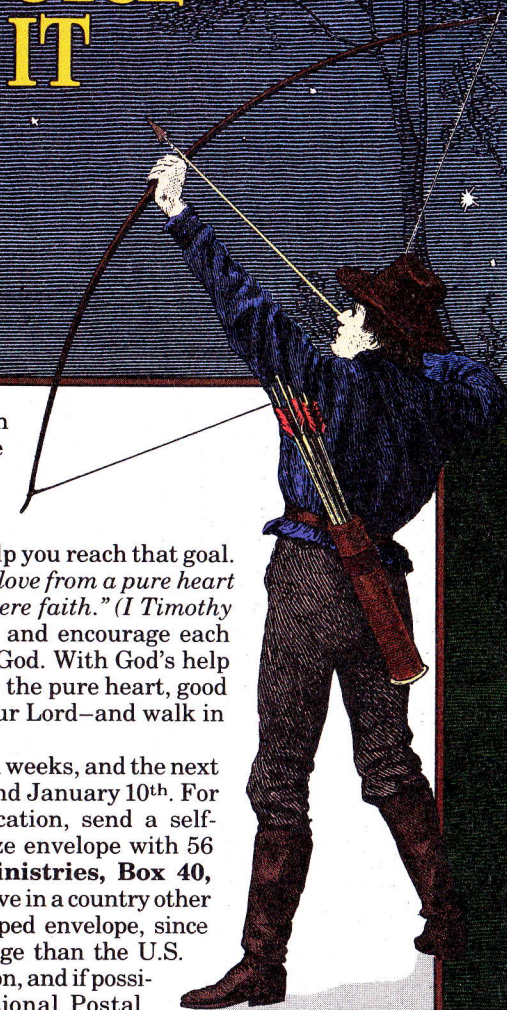
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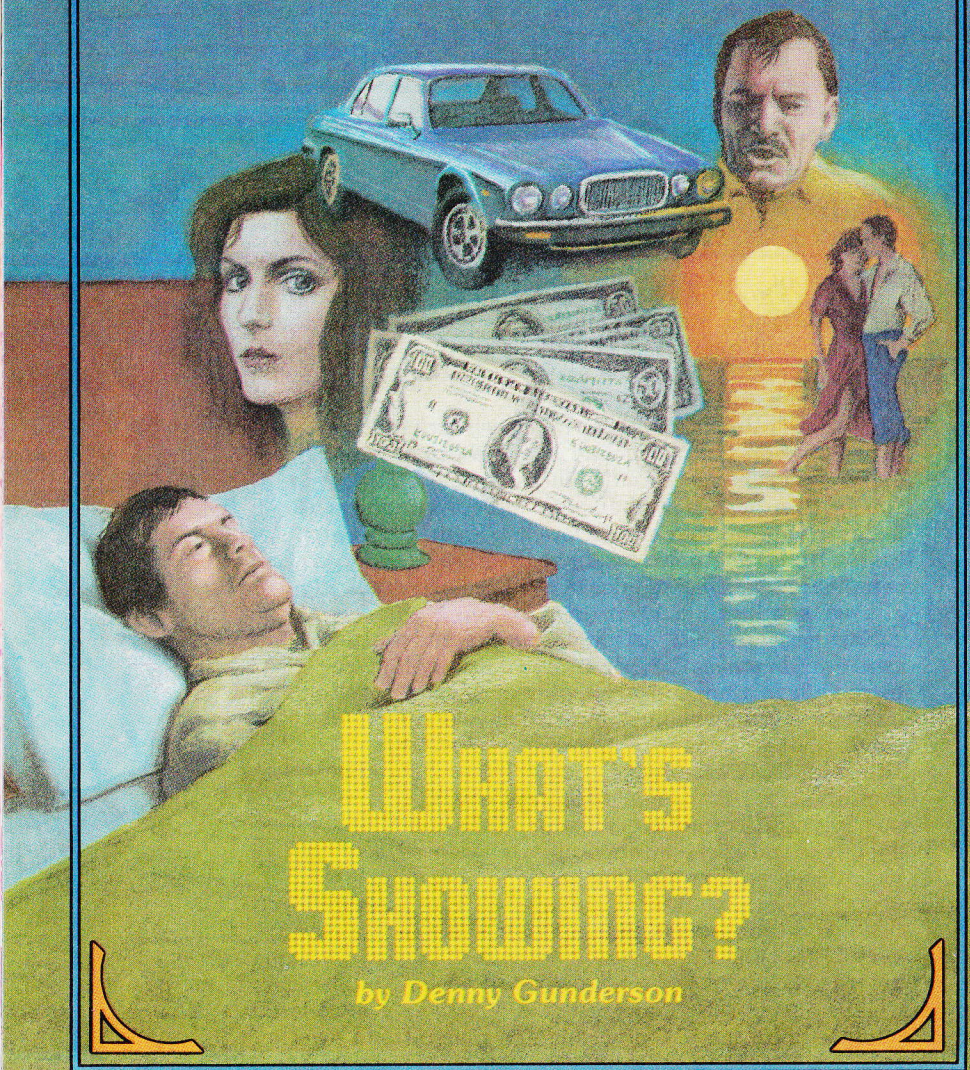
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THE THEATER OF Your Mind



What's
Showing?

by Denny Gunderson

“...be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
—Rom. 12:2

Most Christians have at least an intellectual understanding that with Christ all things are possible. We know that He gives us power to live victorious lives, and we believe that old things have passed away and all things have become new. Yet, even after a conversion experience, and in spite of being drenched in Christian seminars, conferences, and Bible training programs, many of us discover that our thought-life is still in the same old rut of sinful thinking.

The tension produced by what we *know* compared to what we *are* leads some Christians to believe that the practice of sin in their life is inevitable and that victory is a wonderful idea but only possible in heaven or at some future date.

I want you to know, however, that there can and *should* be increasing victory in our overcoming sin, whether in “thought, word, or deed.” Jesus came, died, and rose again to break the power of sin once and for all. But the grace to overcome must first be applied to our mind if the victory is to spread naturally to our actions.

A Renewing Process

In Romans 12:2, Paul tells us not to be “conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” The word “renewing” suggests a process. At conversion God gives us a new spirit, but that doesn’t mean when we’re saved we become instantly mature in the Lord. Rather, the Spirit of God, interacting with the new spirit in us, goes to work developing the character of Christ within us. This development of godly character begins a process which will continue for the rest of our lives.

During a typical day we constantly use our will and mind making decisions and responding to the circumstances of life. The general sequence of events looks like this: We *think* about something—our thoughts produce an *attitude* toward the focus of our thinking—our thoughts plus our attitude produce an *emotional* response—then we *act out* what we have thought about.

God has created us in such a way that our actions follow our thoughts. Many Scripture verses display this principle. For example Jeremiah 11:8 says, “They obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but **walked** every one in the **imagination** of their evil heart.”

God, speaking here of a rebellious nation, states that the people acted out what they imagined in their minds. (In both Hebrew and Greek the words used for “heart” are connected with the function of the mind.)

It's What's Inside That Counts

An even clearer statement is found in Proverbs 23:6-7, “Do not eat the bread of a selfish man, or desire his delicacies; for as he thinks within himself, so he is.” This proverb is sobering because it cuts through the icing of outward actions by implying that the way we think is the way we are.

Too often we assess a person’s spirituality by how they act in church. But anyone can look saintly at a worship service! A more accurate gauge of our “saintliness” takes place when we are laying in bed late at night with the lights out, alone with our thoughts. What do we think about when there’s nobody around to impress? Where do our fantasies take us? Do we engage in sensual or self-gratifying daydreams? Are we criticizing our neighbor or plotting revenge? Do we desire positions or possessions that God has not released to us? If so, we are programming ourselves for defeat.

Getting In the Groove

The failure to discipline the mind will ultimately produce bondage to bad habits both in thought and action. The wrong thoughts we entertain over a period of time become easier to dwell on.

Picture a farmer driving his tractor down a dirt road. When the road is new, the smooth grade allows the farmer to easily drive from side to side. But if the farmer constantly drives in the same place, ruts or grooves begin to form in the road and it becomes increasingly difficult to steer his tractor. Eventually, if the road isn't smoothed over, the ruts become so deep that the tractor tires just naturally follow them.

In the same way, someone who continues to have sinful thought patterns soon finds it easier to let his mind "fall into a rut" than to steer down the right path. If a person doesn't heed the conviction of the Holy Spirit and continues to let his mind go, he will reap the consequences of his fleshly habit.

The Great Escape

A number of years ago I dealt with a young man who had been rejected by his parents because his birth was "an accident." From birth the message he received was, "We don't want you." Life was such an unpleasant experience for him that he decided to escape the reality by living in a fantasy world created by his own imagination.

In this new world he was the hero, the knight in shining armor. Once he reached adolescence, sexual desires entered his fantasy world. At that point, his thought-life moved into the seductive world of sexual pleasure. This young man would spend the majority of his time feeding his mind with graphic, sexual thoughts. Eventually he tried to satisfy his lust through pornography. Like the farmer driving his tractor, it became easier for him to let his thoughts follow the ruts rather than steer away from them. Habit produced bondage.

I talk to Christians every week who, like this young man, have great difficulty "bringing their thoughts into captivity." Some are driven by fear, constantly entertaining anxious thoughts. They worry about crime, lack of approval, the possibility of failure, or the nuclear threat.

Others are obsessed with bitterness, focusing their thoughts on someone who betrayed them or maybe someone who dared to cross their will. Their thoughts of retaliation produce the bitter feeling of resentment. This person may even become more susceptible to disease as a result of his bitterness, which some doctors say produces stress hormones in the body. Still others find themselves prisoners of distrust and jealousy—their emotional antennas constantly scan the air, looking for evidence to confirm their suspicions.

Think Before You Act

The point is this: Our thought-life is the foundation on which our actions are built. This is the principle behind Jesus' words in Matthew 5:27-28, "*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery;' but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.*" In the eyes of the Lord, entertaining just the thought of adultery is in itself a form of adultery. Letting your mind go the wrong way will lead your life the wrong way.

There seems to be an apathetic attitude among Christians when it comes to disciplining the mind. Some would rather get into the more "spiritual things" of the Christian life and dismiss talk of controlling our thoughts as some gimmicky type of positive thinking. Others assume that thoughts are not all that important as long as you're able to follow a prescribed set of "dos and don'ts" in outward conduct. The person who holds either of these assumptions is only fooling himself. Failing to come to grips with this issue leads to an empty, unstable life, and victorious, joyous living will never be real.



No Place to Hide

So, what do we do in order to gain victory in the battle for the mind? First, let me state one obvious fact: God can read our minds. "*...for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts.*" (1 Chron. 28:9) "*The Lord knows the thoughts of man.*" (Psalm 94:11) Nothing is done in secret. There is Someone who always sees. That's a sobering thought and should convince us that what we think about can be either a source of joy to God, or a source of grief. What kind of response do your thoughts produce in God's great Father heart?

Are Bygones Gone?

Another key concept is found in Matthew 6:34. Jesus said, "*Do not be anxious for tomorrow.*" We focus most of our thoughts toward either the past or the future. A worrying person constantly thinks about the possibility of future harm or failure. His thought-life centers

on a lot of "what ifs." Those who dwell on the past usually fill their mind with "the good old days" or painful experiences. If we entertain pictures in our mind of past hurts, our emotions begin to relive those experiences. We find that the past still has a hold on us—influencing and tainting our present relationships even though the incident may have taken place forty years ago.

These fears of worry and doubt are the enemies of faith and will hinder spiritual growth. Jesus knew the kind of damage they bring to a person's life. Right before He warned about worrying, He said, "*seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.*" (Matt. 6:33) The Kingdom of God is a worthy subject for your thoughts—worry is not.

Garbage In—Garbage Out

The young person who plugs into his stereo for hours at a time, filling his mind with music that doesn't edify his spirit, is only fooling himself when he says he's not listening to the lyrics, only

the beat. That's not possible! Once you hear the message it's sent to your brain and recorded in your memory. How many times have you heard a musical commercial somewhere? You might have consciously "tuned out" at that point, but four hours later you find yourself mowing the lawn and humming, "... you deserve a break today... at McDonald's."

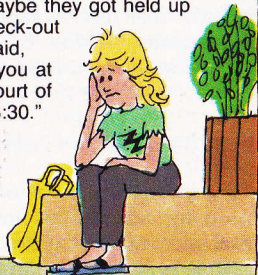
The input our mind receives *does* affect us, even though we might not realize it at the time. The mind is like a sponge. Whatever the sponge absorbs will come out when it's squeezed. Garbage in, garbage out! Truth in, truth out!

We've all known marriages where this was the tragic case. A husband may tell his wife he loves her, yet entertain thoughts of unfaithfulness. If those thoughts are allowed into the mind, this husband feels an increasingly strong drive to act them out. It may take years, but if he's in a time of stress or temptation, his actions may fall right in line with his thoughts. Pressure, crisis, or temptation are ways we're squeezed. At that point, the things held inside come pouring out.

The Inner Fight

Speaking of temptation, let's look for a moment at James 1:14-15. *"But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death."*

Well, it's 8:30. I wonder where the girls are? Maybe they got held up in a long check-out line. They said, "We'll meet you at the center court of the mall at 8:30."



Hmm, it's 8:35. I'm not sure they like me. I still feel like they were making fun of me yesterday when I showed up and they got real quiet. What if they just left? Imagine me just sitting here at 9:30 and they're already at Barb's. OOOH! They forgot me!



During temptation, there's always time to stop and think about the consequences of giving in to either God or self. Often temptation crosses our path when we're merely going our merry way with no desire to sin. The temptation itself isn't sin, but if we stop and contemplate the temptation, we usually wind up rationalizing the sin. We become "enticed" (the Greek word used means "beguiled"). But notice we are enticed by *our own lust*. The word "lust" simply means "strong desire." The platform for temptation is already within us if we have any strong desires that are ungodly.

Satan is smart enough to tempt us where we're susceptible. Because Satan isn't a creator but rather an exploiter, he can only use something which already exists and twist its proper use. Unresolved sin allows the enemy a foothold on which to focus his attacks. Our response to this temptation should be three-fold: 1. Submit to God (*James 4:7a*) by responding to His conviction of sin; 2. Resist the devil (*James 4:7b*) by taking authority over him; and 3. *Flee* temptation and pursue righteousness (*I Tim. 6:11, II Tim. 2:22*).

The point to remember is that you can't flee from what you still hold in your mind. You can't just make your mind go blank or just fight against the thought. Instead, you need to *replace* the thoughts or pictures with thoughts that will edify and lift your soul toward God—a favorite verse or song or a spontaneous prayer of thanks for every good thing you can think of.

Food For Thought

There are a number of commands given in God's Word which spell out things we should do in order to discipline our mind. Philippians 4:8 says, *"Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."* You don't have to force your mind to dwell on these things, *let your mind dwell on them*. This verse sums up God's standard for our thought-life by giving an eight-fold "thought gauge" which we could diagram like this:

1. Truth, Accuracy

8. Praise, Praise-worthy

2. Honorable, Noble, Honest

7. Excellence, Virtue

3. Right, Just

6. Good Report, Good Repute, Admirable

4. Pure, Uncontaminated

5. Lovely, Pleasant

God designed the mind to grow and flourish as it's fed these right things. But if we saturate our thoughts with things that don't meet God's glorious stan-

dard, the mind begins to react in adverse ways. It was not designed to handle garbage.

Taking Out The Trash

Every experience we've had is recorded in our memory. If the sum of our life experience is negative and self-gratifying, that backlog of memory can have a powerful influence over our present circumstances. It's important that we go to work eliminating the effects of those experiences.

One way to aid this process is what we could call the principle of diluting. If a truck carrying a toxic substance has a wreck on the freeway, a specialized crew is called to clear the toxins from the scene. To completely clear the contamination they'd have to get rid of the pavement, the dirt, and everything that's affected. Instead, they spray a liquid on the contaminated area which dilutes the toxin, rendering it harmless.

In a similar way, we can cancel the poisonous effects of the past by diluting them and covering them with God's Word. Ephesians 5:26 says Jesus sanctified the Church, *"having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word..."* As we meditate on the Word and act on what we learn, we receive cleansing and purifying benefits. The disciplines of Bible meditation and Scripture memorization are important tools which not only bring cleansing, but also help us remain wholehearted in Christian practice.

What if they did it on purpose? They would think that was funny. They're driving home, laughing. "We really fooled ol' Pam." "Yeah, she's so boring!" "She thought we really liked her!" "I guess it was kind of mean, but you gotta admit, it's better than havin' her around!" "Yeah, ha ha ha ha!" It's 8:46. They can't do this to me. I'm walking home. I can make other friends in this town...



I wonder where Pam's at? Maybe she got stuck in a check-out line like we did.



Determine To Win

Another strong directive from Scripture is I Peter 1:13: "Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." The word "gird" carries the idea of preparation. A person involved in warfare doesn't casually or passively wander into battle. He does whatever is necessary to prepare himself, insuring the best possible chances for victory. Girding our minds includes being "sober in spirit." It means being serious-minded in our determination to persevere. Don't settle for partial victory.

Peter also tells us "Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." And Hebrews 12:2 says, "...fixing your eyes on Jesus..." To fix means to focus or concentrate. I believe that the primary way to discipline our mind is to learn to focus our thoughts on God, His ways, and His character. The more you gaze upon Him, the more you will be drawn to Him. As we find our hearts drawn away from our-

selves and toward Christ, there is a growing dissatisfaction with anything that distracts us from seeing Him.

Swing Your Sword!

The bottom line is this: There's a battle for our minds, and we cannot be passive spectators assuming that God will take care of it all—while we do nothing. God is already doing His part to convict, expose, and bring healing. He has committed Himself to bring us victory if we will follow His instructions. It is now time for us to wage aggressive action.

II Cor. 10:5 declares that we are to take every thought captive. God's Word gives us no excuse for not developing a renewed mind. Spiritual weapons have been made available to us for the battle, but those weapons are powerless unless they are used. Victory can be accomplished if we will simply give ourselves to God's Word and His Spirit. God is more than able to overcome the enemy's tactics against us. Will you now respond to God's provision by picking up your weapons and resolving to do battle until the victory is won for Jesus' sake?



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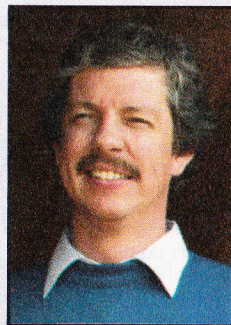
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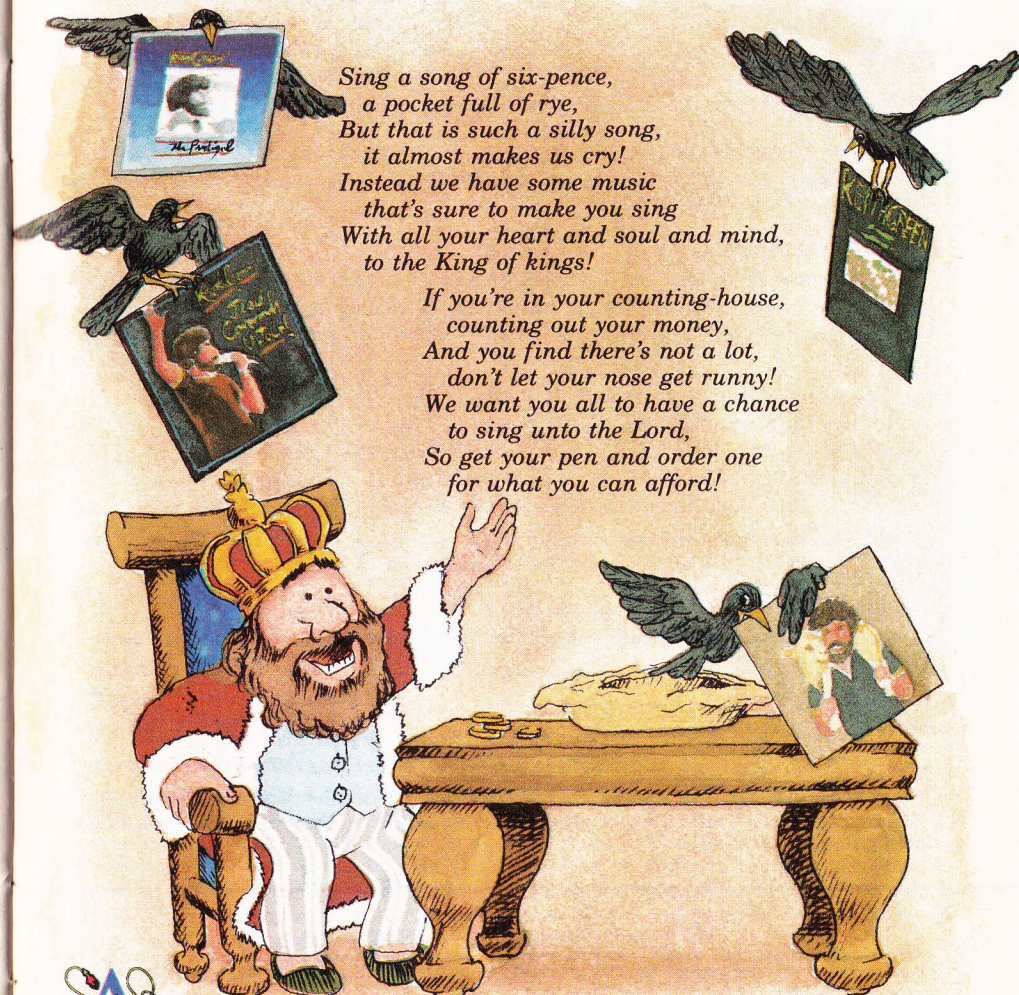
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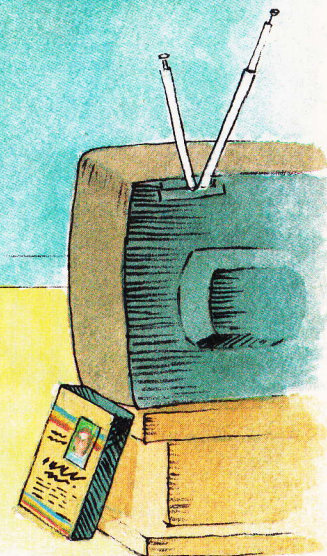
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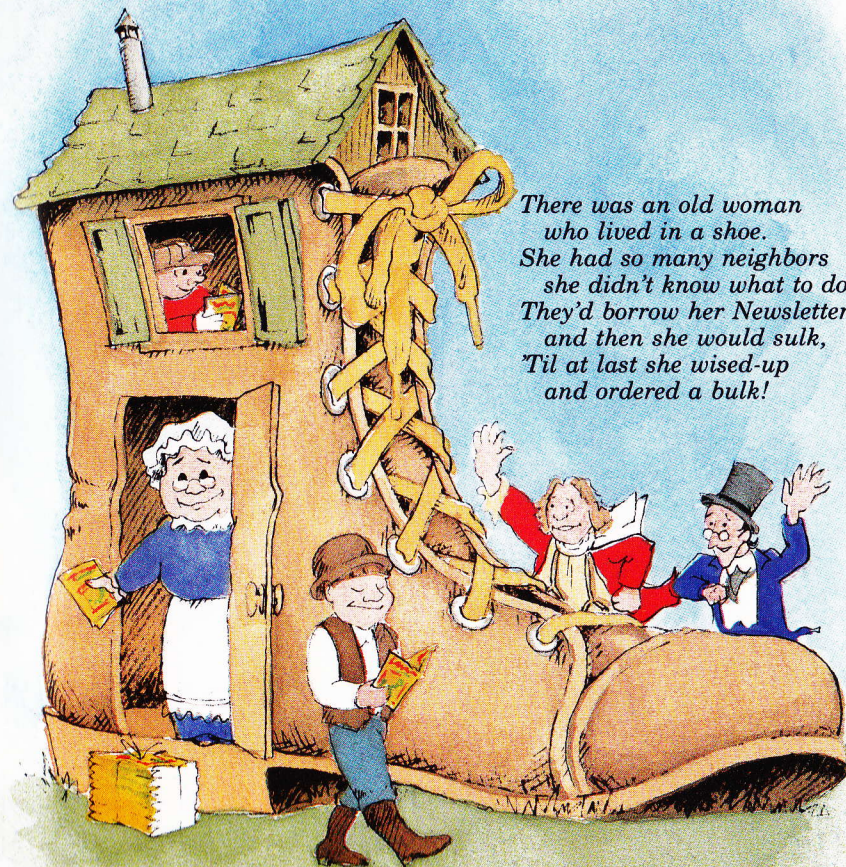
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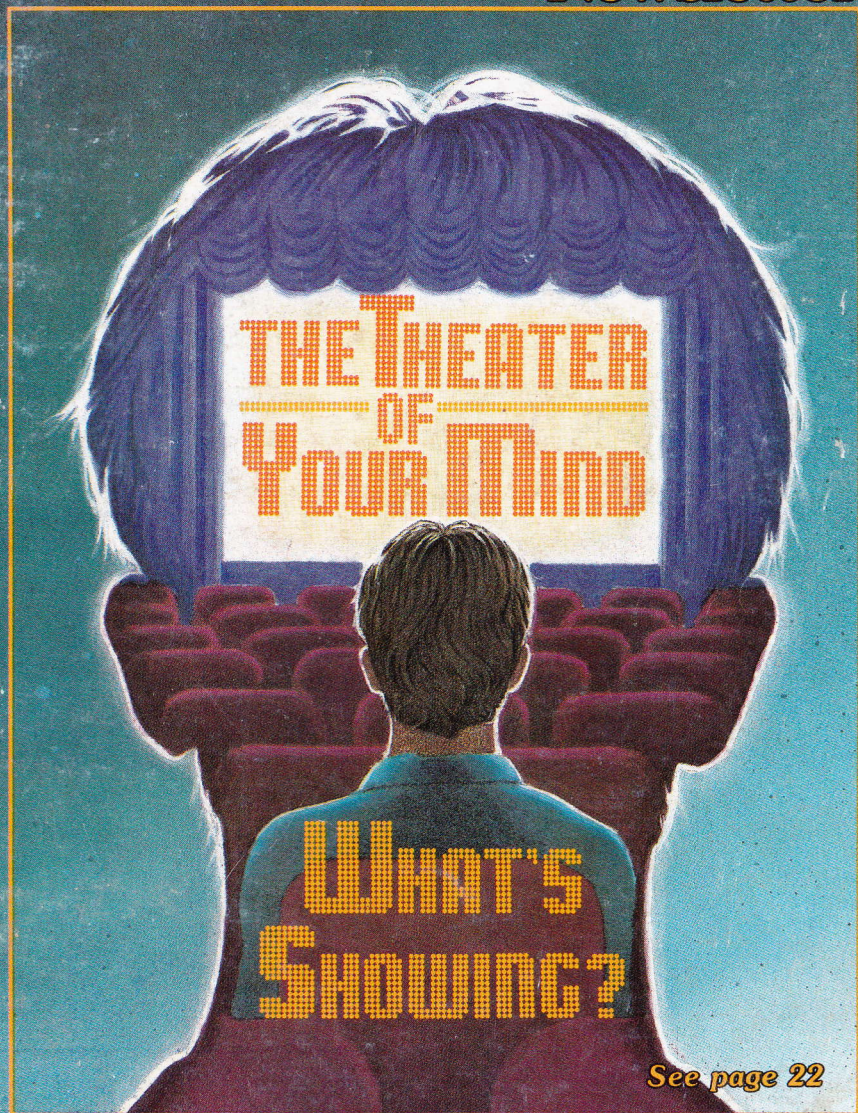
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